



# SoLiS

Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

October/November 2006

### SOWINGS

“Bird by bird, buddy.

Just take it bird by bird.”

We had the opportunity to get refreshed, recharged and learn something new at this year’s ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling. On the agenda for Thursday, due to a youth services grant from Nebraska Library Commission, was Judy Freeman – who provided us with some great information and lists of Children’s books from 2005-2006 – along with activity ideas and suggestions of ways to use the books. (Meaning a 90+-page handout – whoo!) A few online resources shared by Judy were:

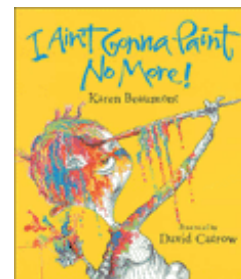
- Mimi’s Motifs, at: [www.mimismotifs.com](http://www.mimismotifs.com) for reversible storytelling dolls, hand puppets, finger puppets and more.
- A Fuse #8 Production – Check out this blog for a review of a children’s book each day, interesting tips and links, as well as the Hot Men of Children’s Literature: <http://fusenumber8.blogspot.com/>.
- Or participate in LM\_NET on the web at: [www.eduref.org/lm\\_net/](http://www.eduref.org/lm_net/) – a discussion group open to school library media specialists worldwide, and to people involved with the school library media field.
- Take a look at Esme Raji Codell’s website at: <http://planetesme.com/>. It’s described as a place where you’ll find reviews, thematic lists and much more. It includes a link to the PlanetEsme Book-A-Day Plan: The Best New Children’s Books from Esme’s Shelf

(<http://planetesme.blogspot.com/>).

- Or go to *No Flying No Tights* – at: <http://noflyingnotights.com/> - for graphic novel reviews for teens, and *Sidekicks*, a site devoted to kids graphic novels, and the *Lair* featuring graphic novels for older teens and adults.

Here are just a few of the ideas Judy shared:

- Have youth talk about book characters from different books that might be best friends. Her example of this was the characters from *No David* by David Shannon and *I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More* by Karen Beaumont and David Catrow.
- When doing displays, display books you’ve read and loved with your guarantee of a good book. So, you end up personalizing your recommendations by giving the Ealey Guarantee or the Freeman Guarantee or the Puchalla Guarantee.
- When reading a book think about who the characters are, and what they sound like. Find a voice for the story – “politicians have great voices if you’re looking for a voice.”
- Don’t ask yes/no questions when you’re talking with kids about a book or story. You’re trying to engage them, not give a test, so open-ended, who, what, why, where, how questions.



**The second of the 2006 Nebraska Rural Poll** results was released in August. "Newcomers in Nebraska's Rural Communities," focuses on how rural Nebraskans view new residents in their communities and their expectations regarding population growth in the community during the next decade. Some of the key findings from the 2,482 responses received back are:

- Almost two-thirds of rural Nebraskans are aware of new residents living in their communities.
- Rural Nebraskans have mixed opinions on the impact new residents have had on their community.
- Just under one-half (49%) of rural Nebraskans say more people should be encouraged to relocate to their community.
- Many rural Nebraskans believe new residents tend to become home owners, join a church and attend community events.
- Residents of the Panhandle are more likely than persons living in other regions of the state to agree that new residents improve the quality of life in their community.
- Newcomers to the community are less likely than longer term residents to agree that new residents to their community are made to feel welcome and that the community does a lot to include new residents.
- Persons living in the Northeast regions are more likely than persons living in other regions of the state to say that new people moving into their community has been bad for the community.
- Over one-half of rural Nebraskans expect the population of retired persons and immigrants in their community to increase over the next ten years.
- Persons living in or near larger communities are more likely than persons living in near smaller communities to think the populations of each of the groups will increase over the next ten years. The entire poll can be found at [cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/new\\_residents.pdf](http://cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/new_residents.pdf)



**\*Note—** Ask yourself how newcomers are greeted in your community. Are they made to feel welcome, does the library do a good job of promoting itself to new residents? Does the library have materials in other languages?

Thanks to Eastern Library System for the article

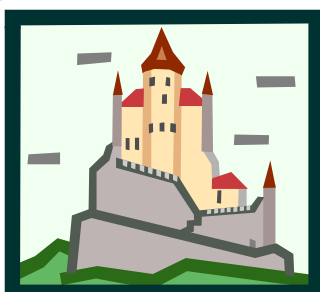
## **My Hometown Helper Grant Program**

Hamburger Helper announces funds to lend a "helping hand" to neighborhoods across the U.S. Funds will support organizations to provide one or more of the following: lights or bleachers for baseball, soccer, or football fields; repairs to a band shell; **computers for schools or libraries**; playground equipment; holiday decorations; money for choir, band, or science trips; new uniforms for Little League teams; clean-up projects; and training for volunteer fire-fighters. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, nonprofits, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2007**. Awards ranging from \$500-\$15,000 are available. For further information, go to: [www.myhometownhelper.com](http://www.myhometownhelper.com)

# What's New from the Commission?

- ☞ **New Staff members:** Starting October 16th, **Laura Johnson** is the new Continuing Education Coordinator and **Linda Jensen** is a new staff assistant.
- ☞ **Reading Group bookbags:** see [www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/bookclubkits.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/bookclubkits.html) for a complete list of titles and to download reader's guides. Examples include *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *Five Quarters of an Orange* by Joanne Harris.
- ☞ **Online Training courses:** can't get to a session? Go to [www.nlc.state.ne.us/training](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training) to see what's available from your own computer.
- ☞ **Public Library Statistical Survey** available, <http://collect.informata.com/>. Public Libraries are required to submit statistical data about library services and operations on an annual basis. Instructions and passwords were mailed to all public libraries, and the deadline for data submission is January 31, 2007.
- ☞ **Grant funding** is now available from the Nebraska Library Commission through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). See [www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/lsta/lsta.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/lsta/lsta.html) for more information, including the eligibility and guidelines, application, scoring sheet with criteria, and contact information. The deadline for submitting applications is December 28, 2006.

Note: the Nebraska Library Commission is our state library and is located in downtown Lincoln. It provides funding to the six Regional Library Systems and is responsible for tracking Continuing Education hours and certifying accreditation, among other things.



## Upcoming CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) Meetings

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Humboldt.** During the morning we'll talk e-rate discounts and form 470, as well as demonstrate the iPods now available for loan from the SELS office. Book discussion read of the month is *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher - round robin in the afternoon. We'll also set locations for 2007 CASTL meetings. Come see the newly expanded Bruun Memorial Library.

**December 7th: Lincoln.** We'll have several items on the agenda: Focus group evaluating the Seward Memorial Library Website; e-rate form 471; Postings, Minutes & Agendas that comply with Public Meeting Laws. Bring copies of your city and library board agendas and minutes, and postings used for the public door of the library. A computer lab will be available for attendees to begin or complete filing of e-rate forms online. For fun, and this month's book discussion read one of the *Babymouse* stories by Jennifer and Matthew Holm. They're graphic novels for younger readers (grades 2-5) that will have you laughing out loud, Judy Freeman recommends them and they've been compared to the *Captain Underpants* series.

Let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending: [jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net) or (800)288-6063.



## October

**October 27<sup>th</sup>: College of DuPage satellite teleconference: Best New Technologies: Keeping Up with the Storm.** Speakers: Steven Bell & Aaron Schmidt. You can view the broadcast at Beatrice Public Library, beginning at 11 a.m. and finishing by 12:30. This program will examine the challenges librarians face as we enter the world of Web 2.0. It will explore several of the newest technologies, investigate why librarians are adopting them and how they're being used, and examine sensible approaches to choosing and implementing the technologies that are right for your library.

## November

✦ **November 3<sup>rd</sup>: CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians)** at Humboldt Public Library. During the morning we'll talk e-rate discounts and form 470, as well as demonstrate the iPods now available for loan from the SELS office. Book discussion read of the month is *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher - round robin in the afternoon. We'll also set locations for 2007 CASTL meetings. Let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending: jennip@alltel.net or (800)288-6063.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joint Nebraska Library Commission/State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting** at Love Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln – beginning at 8:30. The meetings are open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at (800) 307-2665 or (402)471-2045 or at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) Annual Meeting** to be held Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with a performance at the Lied Center of the play, The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial, Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The play will highlight the theme of the annual meeting, which is the current clash between the fact of evolution and the religious belief in "intelligent design." AFCON will create a number of panels addressing this theme as well as the themes raised by the Trial play. Saturday's agenda begins at 10 a.m. with *A Panel: Evolution, Creation & Academic Freedom*, with lunch at noon, and the annual meeting at 1 p.m. For more information contact Robert Haller at: rhaller1@unl.edu or 472-1814 for more information or to register.

✦ **November 14<sup>th</sup>:** Come hear **Nancy Bolt** speak on the topic of leadership, and the Bulgarian Colorado Library partnership at the new Wahoo Public Library from 10 to 3. Registration is \$10 – for complete details see page 11.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>: Author Mitch Albom** (*Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*) has scheduled a reading and book signing to benefit the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, from 12 to 2:30 at UNL East Union (35<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege). Albom will talk about his haunting new novel, *For One More Day* (due out September 26), about the family we love and the chances we miss. Tickets are \$50, which includes lunch and a copy of *For One More Day*, and can be purchased at Lee Booksellers (Edgewood, 5500 S. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln) or by mail from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, 68508, or by credit card through the website: [www.foundationforlcl.org](http://www.foundationforlcl.org). Day passes for UNL parking will be distributed at the entrance of the parking lot.

★ **November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: Administration Basic Skills Course** at Seward Memorial Library from 10 to 3. To register and for additional information go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventreg.asp?ProgID=7847](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventreg.asp?ProgID=7847).

## December

★ **December 1<sup>st</sup>: SELS Board Meeting** at Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 O Street. Tour at 10, business meeting at 10:30.

★ **December 7<sup>th</sup>: CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians)** in Lincoln in the Crane Room at the Nebraska Library Commission. We'll have several items on the agenda: Focus group evaluating the Seward Memorial Library Website; e-rate form 471; Postings, Minutes & Agendas that comply with Public Meeting Laws. Bring copies of your city and library board agendas and minutes, and postings used for the public door of the library. A computer lab will be available for attendees to begin or complete filing of e-rate forms online. For fun, and this month's book discussion read one of the *Babymouse* adventures by Jennifer and Matthew Holm. It's a graphic novel for younger readers (grades 2-5) that will have you laughing out loud. Let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending: [jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net) or (800)288-6063.

Jack Prelutsky was named the *Nation's First Children's Poet Laureate*, a two-year post, with a \$25,000 award, courtesy of the non-profit Poetry Foundation. His work spans nearly 40 years and 35 volumes. So, now is the perfect time to celebrate his work, and if you've never enjoyed it as a child or an adult, take some time to explore his poetry. In an article by Karen Glenn at [poetry-foundation.org](http://poetry-foundation.org) she says: "Prelutsky writes what kids like, whether it's scary poems about trolls and bogeymen, or funny ones about worm puree and bananacondas. Yes, he knows how to have fun and makes boatloads of puns, but Prelutsky is more than a tall, clever child. He is a real poet who knows as much about form, rhythm, and rhyme as he does about burned meatloaf, umbrellaphants, and preposterpusses. He also knows about feelings and, for lack of a better word, soul."

Here's a sample of his work – just for fun:

### As Soon as Fred Gets Out of Bed


As soon as Fred gets out of bed,  
his underwear goes on his head.  
His mother laughs, "Don't put it there,  
a head's no place for underwear!"  
But near his ears, above his brains,  
is where Fred's underwear remains.

At night when Fred goes back to bed,  
he deftly plucks it off his head.  
His mother switches off the light  
and softly croons, "Good night! Good night!"  
And then, for reasons no one knows,  
Fred's underwear goes on his toes.



The Seattle Post-Intelligencer asked Prelutsky how children's poetry has changed over the years: "I've been collecting children's poetry books for a long time. The stuff from the 19<sup>th</sup> century was largely dreadful. Either it was moralistic and didactic or it was a greeting-card verse with no substance at all. Writing for children was kind of an afterthought. It had little to do with children's lives as they really are; it was some idealized world. But children are flesh and blood. They're just like us, only smaller. I write about the things kids care about."





# News from the SEL S

Check out the fun at the second annual Friend Chix Extravaganza held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, to support the Gilbert Library. Friends of the **Gilbert Library** organized the event, which included a delicious brunch and silent auction. Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, was the featured speaker for the event and book talked some of her favorite adult titles from the ALA's Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) Notable Books list, as well as a couple of favorite titles for youth:



- *Souls Raised from the Dead* by Doris Betts, 1994.
- *Shockwave: Countdown to Hiroshima* by Stephen Walker, 2005.
- *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler, 2001.
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines, 1993.
- *Last Days of Summer* by Steve Kluger, 1998.
- *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, 2001.
- *She Got Up Off the Couch* by Haven Kimmel, 2006.
- *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins, 2005.
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster, 2005.
- *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra, 2004.

Submitted by Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator (wearing the red hat)

We are excited about our new technology at **Lewiston Consolidated Schools** this school year. Our card catalog is now online through Library World Online Library Service. We received a mobile lab with 20 wireless laptops through the REAP grant. We are also using Renaissance Place which is the online version of Accelerated Reading, so our students are able to test on all AR tests.

Submitted by Debbie Goossen, Media Specialist

Author, Chris Crowe will be visiting **Lincoln Public Schools** on November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. He's the author of *Mississippi Trial, 1955* – a Golden Sower Award winner, as well as *Getting Away with Murder: the True Story of the Emmett Till Case*. Crowe's visit will coincide with Lincoln High's theatre performance of the Emmett Till Case, an original play written by Lincoln High Drama teacher, Chris Maly. Lincoln Public Schools District office is hosting, MOSAIC, the largest display of multicultural literature in the area through Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The display includes African, African American, Asian, Asian American, Hispanic, Hispanic American, Middle Eastern, Native American, and multiple cultures in the US, as well as globally. If you can't make it to the display to view the titles and pick up a copy of the bibliography we have a copy at the SELS office.

Submitted by Glenda Willnerd

# News and Notes



## **ISBN Change from 10 to 13**

The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a unique identifier assigned to every published book and book-like product. It provides a standard way to identify book in global trade. Starting January 1, 2007, the International Standards Organization is changing the length of the ISBN from 10 to 13 digits in order to expand the numbering capacity and prevent numbering shortages from occurring in certain parts of the world.

## **We the People Bookshelf: Pursuit of Happiness**

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) would like to invite your library to apply for the fourth annual We the People Bookshelf grant!

This year, we are offering 2,000 sets of classic books for children on the theme the "Pursuit of Happiness." To apply, simply complete the easy online application by describing how your library will create a theme-related program that highlights the Bookshelf titles. Applications are due by January 31, 2007.

Selected libraries will receive all 15 titles in the Bookshelf, plus four of the titles in Spanish translation, a bonus CD, bookplates, bookmarks and posters to promote local programming.

**\*\*Guidelines and the application are available online through January 31, 2007.\*\*** For programming ideas and tips, access to the guidelines and application, book titles, and further details, visit [www.ala.org/wethepeople](http://www.ala.org/wethepeople). With questions, contact [publicprograms@ala.org](mailto:publicprograms@ala.org).

## **Try Fiction Connection**

Since last April, the Nebraska Library Commission has made available at no charge a new reader's advisory service electronic database — Fiction Connection. If you were unable to attend training either at a Database Roadshow or other training sessions or would just like more training, NLC now has developed two new Fiction Connection tutorials available through Nebraska Access:



Fiction Connection Lesson 1: Finding books that are similar to books you've already read and liked.



Fiction Connection Lesson 2: Identify all book in a series and the order in which to read them.



The tutorials are available at: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/tootlbox/tutorials.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/tootlbox/tutorials.html). To view these you will need Macromedia Flash Player 6.0 or higher. It can be downloaded free.

Thanks to ELS.



# News and Notes

## OCLC Language Sets

OCLC Language Sets can help you build collections in 13 non-English languages. Altoona (Iowa) Public Library and Seattle (Washington) Public Library use the service to help meet the demands of their culturally changing communities.

An analysis of Census Bureau data shows that the U.S. foreign-born population reached a record 35 million in March 2005. The data also indicate that the first half of this decade has been the highest five-year period of immigration in American history.

To serve these rapidly growing communities of diverse ethnic groups, libraries need to offer non-English materials but often lack the expertise to select and catalog non-English titles for their collections. OCLC Language Sets can help.

Language Sets allow English-speaking librarians to build multilingual collections. Books are cataloged in full MARC format and arrive ready to shelve, with holdings already set in WorldCat. Languages available are: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Panjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Read how two public libraries use Language Sets for their needs at: [www5.oclc.org/downloads/design/abstracts/10092006/languagesets.htm](http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/design/abstracts/10092006/languagesets.htm) Learn more about Language Sets at: [www.oclc.org/languagesets/](http://www.oclc.org/languagesets/). Or for more information contact: Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator at Nebraska Library Commission, (800)307-2665 or (402)471-3107 or [cburns@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:cburns@nlc.state.ne.us).

## If You Build It . . .

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the University of Nebraska at Omaha dedicated the Dr. CC and Mabel L. Criss Library and Dr. Gunter Kahn Addition. Here are some facts about the new addition:

- 31,000 square feet of new space
- \$6.5 million budgeted for construction and furnishings
- 14 months from groundbreaking to occupancy
- 9 group study and seminar rooms
- Cafe with seating for up to 70
- 436 new study seats
- Lighted shelving for 50,000 books
- Jun Kaneko ceramic sculpture weighs 2300 lbs
- Nearly 200 additional network computer connections
- Wireless connectivity throughout
- 3600 square foot Readers garden
- Unique shelving system for 2,800 journals and magazines

One of my favorite remarks during the ceremony came from James B. Milliken (President, University of Nebraska) when he quoted Shelby Foote – “*A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.*” That’s wonderful sentiment considering that when the University of Omaha was founded in 1908 it was without a library, until in 1912 when University president Daniel Jenkins responded to student requests to found one.

-Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator



## 2006 NEBRASKA BOOK AWARDS

The Nebraska Center for the Book recognizes and honors books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska or concern Nebraska. The 2006 winners are:

**Anthology** - *Slamma Lamma Ding Dong: An Anthology of Nebraska's Slam Poets*, editors: J. M. Huscher, Matt Mason, Dan Leamen, iUniverse, Inc.

**Children/Young Adult** – *The Nebraska Adventure*, by Jean A. Lukesh, Gibbs Smith.

**Cover/Design/Illustration** – *These Trespasses*, by Jim Reese, The Backwaters Press.

**Fiction** – *This is Not the Tropics*, by Ladette Randolph, University of Wisconsin Press.

**Nonfiction** – *Impertinences: Selected Writings of Elia Peattie, a Journalist in the Gilded Age*, by Elia W. Peattie, edited by Susanne George Bloomfield, University of Nebraska Press.

**Nonfiction Honor Book** – *Rainmakers: A Photographic Story of Center Pivots*, by the Groundwater Foundation.

**Poetry** – *No Accident*, by Aaron Anstett, The Backwaters Press.

The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators and scholars to support programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading and the written word.

The System office currently routes *Professional Journals* to help everyone keep up on the low down. Ideally we look for a 4 day viewing period after you receive the journals in the mail, before you mail it on to the next person. I hope to have them out monthly or bimonthly as they are issued. The only cost to you is postage to mail the journals to the next name on the list or back to the System. You may join the routing list at any time or be removed at any time.

The journals that are available are:

**School Library Journal**-focus on Schools; news, techKnowledge, and reviews (monthly)

**Bookbag**-Literacy ideas for teachers; ideas and activities to help with reading and vocabulary (6x/yr)

**Book Links**-Connecting books, libraries, and classrooms; sections: classroom

connections, spotlight on the stars (reviews), book strategies, in the trenches, author focus, points of view and talking with (bimonthly)

**Booklist** – reviews with a different focus (history, sports, romance) each issue; sections: adult books, books for youth, media, and reference books bulletin (2x monthly September-June and monthly in July and August)

**Library Sparks** – engaging activities to reach every reader; activities, programs, and a monthly calendar with literary notes on each day (9 issues)

**American Libraries** –Magazine of the American Library Association-news and items of interest (11 issues)

**Library Journal**- reviews, news, infotech, commentary (monthly)


**LMC (Library Media Connection)** – the magazine for School Library Media and Technology specialists; tips from your colleagues, copyright question of the month, reviews (7x/school year)

**VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)** - the library magazine serving those who serve young adults; reviews of young adult material and news-all things YA (6x/yr)



Contact Jenni at: jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063.

# ROAD TRIP 2007




Libraries: Launching the Future  
NMLA/MPLA 2007 Conference  
Albuquerque, NM March 14-16, 2007  
[www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm](http://www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm)

**Don't fret, you didn't miss a road trip!**

The third trip to MPLA is

**March 13-17, 2007**

This time, it's Albuquerque! 47 people will board a bus, they will be divided into teams and will compete to be the last one on the bus. Wait, sorry that's not right-though it does sound kinda fun. The bus would leave from Nebraska on March 13<sup>th</sup> and arrive back on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Like previous years, the bus will start in Omaha and go along I-80 picking up riders. We had 34 riders last time. Use the bus trip to network with your peers, catch up on your sleep, finish that book, or watch a movie. But most of all, use the bus to get to one of the favorite regional conferences for **FREE or nearly FREE!** That's right, thanks again to a grant\* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be no cost for the bus ride. Riders may be charged up to \$20 a person to cover the driver's transfer fee and lodging, but there will be no overnight lodging this trip. Albuquerque isn't any further away than Jackson Hole, so sign up and discover the bus!

Conference highlights include: Keynote speaker **Dr. Joseph Janes**, Library Journal columnist and Associate Dean of the University of Washington library school; **Michael Wallis**, noted historian talking about the history of Route 66 and the making of the Disney/Pixar film Cars (he was the voice of the sheriff of Radiator Springs!); author **Jane Lindskold**, author of the Firekeeper Saga and Child of a Rainless Year; and **Kathy L'Amour**, wife of the great western author, Louis L'Amour.

## So sign up today to join Road Trip 2007!

**Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!**

**Sign up deadline: February 23rd, 2007**

Contact Jenni Puchalla, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505  
[jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net) or 800-288-6063/467-6188

\*This project was supported in part by a Continuing Education and Training grant, awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission.

\*\*If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.

Are you

A library director?

A trustee?

A supervisor?

Aspiring to be a leader?

Join us for

## LEADING AT THE LIBRARY

with *Nancy Bolt*

(consultant with Nancy Bolt & Associates / formerly Director of Colorado State Library)

*Learn:*

- how to be more confident in your abilities and competencies
- how to take intelligent risks
- how to lead productive meetings
- how to improve your communication skills
- how to build professional relationships
- how to think beyond the library walls for community planning

November 14, 2006 – Wahoo Public Library

November 15, 2006 – Tilden Public Library

November 16, 2006 – North Platte Community College-North Campus

November 17, 2006 – Scottsbluff Public Library

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time**

**\$10 fee includes lunch**

Nancy Bolt also initiated the successful Bulgarian/Colorado Library Partnership with the purpose of building international library relationships; currently there are 25 such alliances. Nancy will also speak about Bulgaria, its libraries, and what contributes to a viable partnership with libraries in other countries. Funding for these partnerships comes in part from the sale of hand-crafted jewelry, which will be available for purchase.

*This workshop is sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.*

**Register** and make checks payable to **Nebraska Regional Library Systems (NRLS):**

11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144

800-627-7884 / 402-330-7884 Fax 402-330-1859; [ktooker@alltel.net](mailto:ktooker@alltel.net) / [nrmeyer@alltel.net](mailto:nrmeyer@alltel.net)

Specify the site where you will attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_



Southeast Library System, along with the other Regional Library Systems, through a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, have purchased two digital audio players, an iPod and a Creative Vision: Zen MP3 player.

Each portable player is loaded with recent or classic audio books. There are twenty-five titles available:

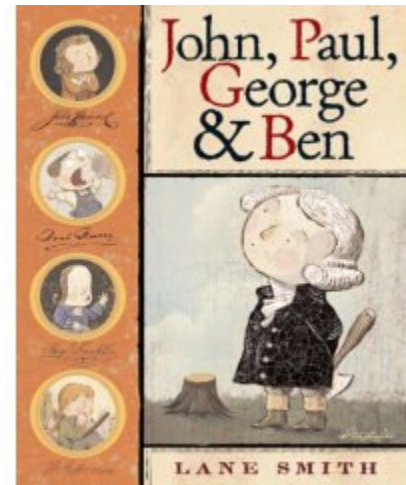
- ⌘ *Twelve Sharp* by Janet Evanovich
- ⌘ *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
- ⌘ *Three Nights in August* by Buzz Bissinger
- ⌘ *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo
- ⌘ *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverley Cleary
- ⌘ *Match Me If You Can* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- ⌘ *Light from Heaven* by Jan Karon
- ⌘ *Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- ⌘ *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris
- ⌘ *A Perfect Evil* by Alex Kava
- ⌘ *A Hat Full of Sky* by Terry Pratchett
- ⌘ *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne
- ⌘ *Gentlemen and Players* by Joanne Harris
- ⌘ *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- ⌘ *Avalon High* by Meg Cabot
- ⌘ *The Stolen Child* by Keith Donahue
- ⌘ *Gods in Alabama* by Joshilyn Jackson
- ⌘ *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards
- ⌘ *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty
- ⌘ *War and Peace* (dramatized) by Leo Tolstoy
- ⌘ *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert M. Pirsig
- ⌘ *Undead and Unpopular* by Mary-Janice Davidson
- ⌘ *The Rent Tent* by Anita Diamant
- ⌘ *1776* by David McCullough

Visit the SELS website ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys.index](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys.index)) for a brief summary of each book. The players are available for loan to SELS libraries that would like to try them out in your library. Each comes in a carrying case with ear buds, battery charger (the battery will last around 14 hours) and easy to follow instructions. There is no charge for borrowing a kit for a one-month loan period, but borrowing libraries will be asked to sign a loan agreement. Check it out to your customers to see if downloadable audio books are a service you should be offering to your library customers. Call the System office for more details.

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Judy talked fabulous books and activities for her entire presentation, giving us a taste of way too many to list here. However, here are some that especially piqued my interest, which are certain to enchant or strike a chord with your library customers and you:

- *Lilly's Big Day* – Kevin Henkes
- *Clementine* – Sara Pennypacker
- *The Neat Line: Scribbling through Mother Goose* – Pamela Duncan Edwards & Diana Cain Bluthenthal
- *Library Lion* – Michelle Knudsen & Kevin Hawkes
- *Rules* – Cynthia Lord
- *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why, Commas Really Do Make a Difference!* – Lynne Truss
- *Super Fly Guy* – Ted Arnold
- *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich: And Other Stories You're Sure to Like, Because They're All About Monsters, and Some of Them are Also About Food* – Adam Rex
- *The Homework Machine* – Dan Gutman
- *Leaf Man* – Lois Ehlert
- *Wow! America!* – Robert Neubecker
- *The American Story* – Jennifer Armstrong
- *John, Paul, George & Ben* – Lane Smith
- *The Year of the Dog* – Grace Lin
- *Red Ridin' in the Hood: and Other Cuentos* – Patricia Santos Marcantonio and Renato Alarcao
- *The Lightening Thief* – Rick Riordan
- *Gossamer* – Lois Lowry
- *Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic* – Emily Jenkins and Paul Zelinsky
- *Walk On! A Guide for Babies of All Ages* – Marla Frazee



Several of my favorite remarks from Judy were:

- ⌘ “It is our job to be current on the best children’s books. You’re the reading role models for your entire community”
- ⌘ “Learn one new fact every day – have kids do this, and you do it to”
- ⌘ “Give them more than they ask for, more than they thought they needed, more than they ever thought existed”
- ⌘ “Readers need a reason to turn the page – which is great advice for writers.”

A title she mentioned for adults that perhaps we should all put on our fall reading list is *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions On Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott. The title of this missive comes from the book, and Judy used it as advice for busy librarians with way too much that we want and need to do, and most especially way too much to read.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator



Here are Judy Freeman's favorite author and illustrator websites, a list that is by no means comprehensive, but showcases sites that go beyond the usual biography and description of published books to offer assortments of interviews, games, Reader's Theater scripts, or lesson plan ideas. Some are flashy and fun; others just contain excellent, useful information.

Adler, David A.	<a href="http://www.davidaadler.com">www.davidaadler.com</a>
Armstrong, Jennifer	<a href="http://www.jennifer-armstrong.com">www.jennifer-armstrong.com</a>
Arnold, Tedd	<a href="http://www.teddarnold.com">www.teddarnold.com</a>
Arnosky, Jim	<a href="http://www.jimarnosky.com">www.jimarnosky.com</a>
Asch, Frank	<a href="http://www.frankasch.com">www.frankasch.com</a>
Blume, Judy	<a href="http://www.judyblume.com">www.judyblume.com</a>
Brett, Jan	<a href="http://www.janbrett.com">www.janbrett.com</a>
Carle, Eric	<a href="http://www.eric-carle.com">www.eric-carle.com</a>
Carlson, Nancy	<a href="http://www.nancycarlson.com">www.nancycarlson.com</a>
Choldenko, Gennifer	<a href="http://www.choldenko.com">www.choldenko.com</a>
Christelow, Eileen	<a href="http://www.christelow.com">www.christelow.com</a>
Cleary, Beverly	<a href="http://www.beverlycleary.com">www.beverlycleary.com</a>
Cobb, Vicki	<a href="http://www.vickicobb.com">www.vickicobb.com</a>
Coville, Bruce	<a href="http://www.brucecoville.com">www.brucecoville.com</a>
Creech, Sharon	<a href="http://www.sharoncreech.com">www.sharoncreech.com</a>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<a href="http://www.ChristopherPaulCurtis.com">www.ChristopherPaulCurtis.com</a>
Davis, Katie	<a href="http://www.katiedavis.com">www.katiedavis.com</a>
DePaola, Tomie	<a href="http://www.tomie.com">www.tomie.com</a>
DiTerlizzi, Tony	<a href="http://www.diterlizzi.com">www.diterlizzi.com</a>
DiPucchio, Kelly	<a href="http://www.kellydipucchio.com">www.kellydipucchio.com</a>
Fleming, Denise	<a href="http://www.denisefleming.com">www.denisefleming.com</a>
Fox, Mem	<a href="http://www.memfox.net">www.memfox.net</a>
Frasier, Debra	<a href="http://www.debrafrasier.com">www.debrafrasier.com</a>
George, Kristine O'Connell	<a href="http://www.kristinegeorge.com">www.kristinegeorge.com</a>
Grimes, Nikki	<a href="http://www.nikkigrimes.com">www.nikkigrimes.com</a>
Gutman, Dan	<a href="http://www.dangutman.com">www.dangutman.com</a>
Henkes, Kevin	<a href="http://www.kevinhenkes.com">www.kevinhenkes.com</a>
Jacques, Brian	<a href="http://www.redwall.org">www.redwall.org</a>
Krull, Kathleen	<a href="http://www.kathleenkrull.com">www.kathleenkrull.com</a>
Leedy, Loreen	<a href="http://www.loreenleedybooks.com">www.loreenleedybooks.com</a>
MacDonald, Suse	<a href="http://www.susemacdonald.com">www.susemacdonald.com</a>
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs	<a href="http://www.jacquelinebriggsmartin.com">www.jacquelinebriggsmartin.com</a>

Martin, Rafe	<a href="http://www.rafemartin.com">www.rafemartin.com</a>
McDonald, Megan	<a href="http://www.meganmcdonald.net">www.meganmcdonald.net</a>
McMillan, Bruce	<a href="http://www.brucecmillan.com">www.brucecmillan.com</a>
Munsch, Robert	<a href="http://www.robertmunsch.com">www.robertmunsch.com</a>
Numeroff, Laura	<a href="http://www.lauranumeroff.com">www.lauranumeroff.com</a>
Palatine, Margie	<a href="http://www.margiepalatini.com">www.margiepalatini.com</a>
Park, Barbara	<a href="http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieb">www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieb</a>
Pilkey, Dav	<a href="http://www.pilkey.com">www.pilkey.com</a>
Pulver, Robin	<a href="http://www.robinpulver.com">www.robinpulver.com</a>
Reynolds, Peter H.	<a href="http://www.peterhreynolds.com">www.peterhreynolds.com</a>
Riordan, Rick	<a href="http://www.rickriordan.com">www.rickriordan.com</a>
Rowling, J.K.	<a href="http://www.jkrowling.com">www.jkrowling.com</a> or <a href="http://www.scholastic.com/harrypotter">www.scholastic.com/harrypotter</a>



Judy Freeman wondering about crossing the road.



Goodwife Carolyn Baker, Beatrice Public Library and Judy Andrews, Omaha Public Library, get ready for a historical accurate Thanksgiving.

Sabuda, Robert	<a href="http://www.robertsabuda.com">www.robertsabuda.com</a>
Sayre, April Pulley	<a href="http://www.aprilsayre.com">www.aprilsayre.com</a>
Shepard, Aaron	<a href="http://www.aaronshp.com">www.aaronshp.com</a>
Silverstein, Shel	<a href="http://www.shelsilverstein.com">www.shelsilverstein.com</a>
Smith, Cynthia Leitch	<a href="http://www.cynthialeitchsmith.com">www.cynthialeitchsmith.com</a>
Snicket, Lemony	<a href="http://www.lemonysnicket.com">www.lemonysnicket.com</a>
Spinelli, Jerry	<a href="http://www.jerryspinelli.com">www.jerryspinelli.com</a>
Stevens, Janet	<a href="http://www.janetstevens.com">www.janetstevens.com</a>
Willems, Mo	<a href="http://www.mowillems.com">www.mowillems.com</a>
Wood, Audrey	<a href="http://www.audreywood.com">www.audreywood.com</a>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<a href="http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com">www.jacquelinewoodson.com</a>
Yolen, Jane	<a href="http://www.janeyolen.com">www.janeyolen.com</a>

Southeast Library System Board Meeting  
And Annual Planning Retreat  
August 11, 2006  
Seward, Nebraska

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln, Libraries); Scott Childers (University of NE – Lincoln, Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant)

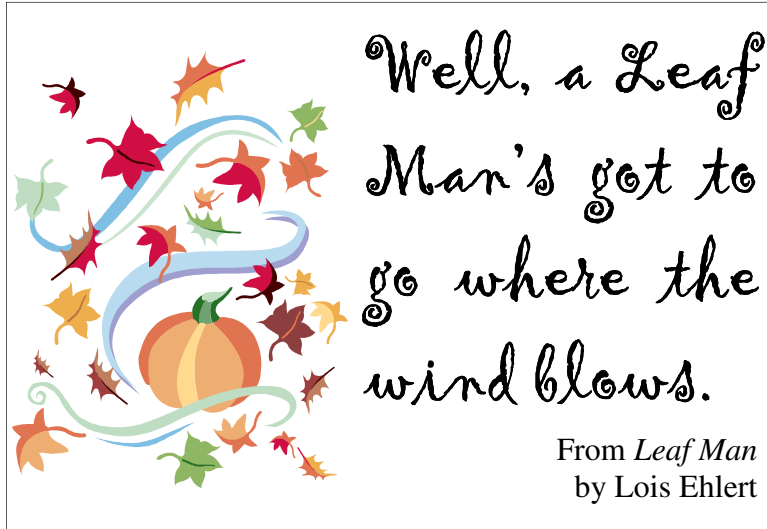
**Board Members Absent:** Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library)

The annual SELS planning retreat was held in the morning at the Seward Memorial Library. The board then had lunch and reconvened at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary hosted by the seminary's librarian, Terry Nollen.

#### Agenda

- I. What's New Around the System:** President Elton called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Becky Baker talked about the Nancy Pearl action figures for sale and the Pitch Tournament the SELS Friends are sponsoring as a fundraiser on Sunday, Sept 10. Tom Schmitz reported that the Regional Center is changing its programs and staffing. A new adult program will be started. He is also working on the SELS Friends upcoming fundraisers. Ken Gunselman reported that the library at York College has acquired two new psychology databases and also Academic Search Premier. Wanda Marget reported the purchase of a computer with grant funds and also an encyclopedia set. Lisa Olivigni reported that the "Hang Out & Read" program has just ended and the Nebraska Humanities funded "Prime Time Program" for family literacy is about to start for six weeks and includes discussions based on children's books. Scott Childers talked a little about his work at the University Libraries at UNL. Glenda Willnerd reported that there have been nine position changes in the Lincoln Public Schools' Media Centers. Mosaic, a multi-cultural literature display is opening Oct 4 and will be available for review until Nov 10. Children's author, Jacqueline Woodson will also be at the LPS offices on Oct 4. Karen Frank reported that her library had the biggest circulation on record in June/July. Kris Rogge reported that the TUFs group is working on holding a series of "dinner & discussion" programs at four locations throughout the state discussing city governments and libraries. Rebecca Bernthal noted that the UNL's fall semester begins August 21. Jan Thomsen reported that they are merging the ready reference section into their non-fiction section. There is a new media center person at the high school that is eager to work with the public library. New software was purchased for the library from Follett. Preschool story time will begin in the fall. Sandy Elton reported that all institutions now have WESTLAW, funded with a grant, except for the Nebraska State Penitentiary. The library at the Residential Treatment Center is slated to close January 2007.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes for June 20, 2006 was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Kris Rogge. Motion carried.
- III. Financial Report:** Jenni reviewed the end of the year 2005-2006 budget report and also reported on the new 2006-2007 budget and explained items in both. Jenni also reviewed the transaction report dated 7/1/06 through 8/10/06. She answered questions from board members about the reports. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.
- IV. Administrator's Report:** Brenda highlighted several of her activities from June 20, 2006 to August 11, 2006 as outlined in her written report. She worked on a weeding project at Tri-County and on a library plan with the Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library (Falls City) staff and board. She attended the Library Leadership Reunion. She organized the Pat Wagner workshop and attended the Open Meetings workshop in July. A CASTL meeting was held in Lewiston. Brenda also attended the annual NEBASE meeting held in August. She continued to work with the One Book One Nebraska Reads project. Brenda also prepared and submitted several ELS & SELS Continuing education grants for the year and the NRLS submitted two grants for programs with Nancy Bolt and Karen Hyman.
- V. NLC Report:** There was no NLC report.
- VI. 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule:** Meeting dates and locations were set for the rest of the fiscal year: October 5, 2006 – Nebraska City?; December 1, 2006 – Lincoln; February 2, 2007 – Greenwood; April 12, 2007 – Lincoln; June 2007 – TBA
- VII. Committee Assignments:**
  - CE Committee: Lisa Olivigni (Chair), Scott Childers, Judy Butler, Wanda Marget, Becky Baker
  - CP Committee: Ken Gunselman (Chair), Sandy Elton, Rebecca Bernthal, Kris Rogge, Glenda Willnerd
  - CNN Committee: Becky Baker (Chair), Tom Schmitz, Karen Frank, Jan Thomsen
- VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

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